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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) as revised September, 2004 and pursuant to the waiver published at 1287 OG 163 (October, 2004).

- (1) U.S. Patent 6,148,387
- (2) Europe 1,091,285
- (3) China 1,249,096

Documents (1) and (2) were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application, and document (3) was cited during prosecution of a Chinese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. Copy of the European Search Report, and Chinese Office Action (including an

English language translation thereof), which are dated October 6, 2005 and September 9, 2005, respectively, are enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

It is believed that PCT WO 98/343,374 is an English language counterpart to China 1,249,096; that U.S. patent is also enclosed and listed on Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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		<b>6,148,387</b>	<b>11/14/00</b>	<b>Galasso</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>203</b>	

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		<b>1,091,285</b>	<b>4/11/01</b>	<b>Europe</b>			
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